

ADMIRAL PUNISHED

Emperor Hirohito calls in Naval
Minister-- Country Perturbed

OUR ATTITUDE IS STUDIED

Tokyo Is Hopeful Over Reports Concerted Anglo-American
Action is Unlikely

By The Associated Press.

SHANGHAI, Thursday, Dec. 16. --Japanese authorities today announced that Rear Admiral Teizo Mitsunami, chief of Japanese aerial operations, had been relieved of his post as a result of the bombing of the United States gunboat Panay.

The government thus acted swiftly to carry out its pledge to the United States Government that officers responsible for the Panay attack would be punished, said Domei, the Japanese news agency.

Admiral Mitsunami was recalled since most air bombings in China have been carried out by naval planes.

(Tokyo dispatches at the same time announced that Emperor Hirohito had received the Japanese Naval Minister, Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, in audience, according to The Associated Press. Naval authorities declined to say whether the audience was concerned with the Panay attack about which President Roosevelt asked that his deep concern be communicated to the Japanese Emperor.)

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日本空軍長官免職さる

揚子江空襲の爲 東京當局米國へ新通牒を發せん

提督罰せらる

天皇裕仁 海相を召す―國內動搖

我方の態度考慮さる

東京、情報に對し樂觀的

英米共同行動はなし

「上海十二月十六日火曜發 A P」

日本當局は日本の航空作戰部長三並貞三海軍少將は米國砲艦ハネー號
爆撃の結果としてその職を解かれたとけふ發表した。

政府はかくして合衆國政府に對する「パネー號攻撃の責任將校は罰せ
らるべし」との誓約を即時實行したものであると日本の同盟通信社はつ
たへてゐる。

三並提督の免職は中國における空爆が概して海軍機によるものであるためである。

「A P 通信によれば東京發急報は天皇裕仁が海相米内光政提督に拜謁を給はつた旨同時に發表した。

この拜謁がルーズベルト大統領がそれについて深い關心をもつ旨日本天皇に傳へられるやうに要請した。パネー號攻撃に關するものであるか否かについては海軍當局は言明してゐない。」

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昭和二十二年一月十八日 於

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